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SUBJ: SURINAM'S VIEW OF AMAZON PACT

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1. LOCAL DUTCH-LANGUAGE DAILY CARRIED REPORT DECEMBER 6 OF NOVEMBER 28-30 AMAZON PACT MEETING IN BRASILIA QUOTING EXTENSIVELY VIEWS OF GENERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR VAN DER GELD. ARTICLE EXPLAINED SURINAM'S HAVING BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED PACT IN CONTEXT OF SUBSTANTIAL MUD DEPOSITS WHICH FLOW ALONG THE COAST FROM THE MOUTH OF THE AMAZON AND WHICH AFFECT SURINAM'S OWN RIVERS.

2. DIRECTOR VAN DER GELD APPLAUDED THE BRAZILIAN INITIATIVE NOT ONLY IN THE CONTEXT OF ITS AIM TO INCREASE ECONOMIC UNCLASSIFIED

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COOPERATION AMONG THE COUNTRIES SHARING THE AMAZON REGION BUT ALSO BECAUSE IT PROVIDES A NEW FORUM TO DISCUSS ALL SORTS OF POLITICAL QUESTIONS. DESCRIBING THE FIRST MEETING (AT WHICH SURINAM WAS REPRESENTED BY ITS AMBASSADOR IN BRASILIA) AS EXPLORATORY, VAN DER GELD SAID THE VARIOUS REPRESENTATIVES AT THE MEETING WOULD REPORT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, WHO WOULD IN TURN THEN DETERMINE THEIR

POSITIONS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT AND ITS CONDITIONS.

3. EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH A NEW POLITICAL FORUM FOR SURINAM, VAN DER GELD EXPLAINED THAT IN THE PAST MEMBERSHIP IN THE NETHERLANDS KINGDOM HAD PREVENTED CONTACT WITH SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND THAT SURINAM REALLY DOES NOT HAVE SUCH CONTACTS YET. CONTINUING, HE SAID THAT ONLY WITH TRINIDAD HAD THERE BEEN A ONE-SIDED TRADE, NAMELY EXPORT OF OIL TO SURINAM. VAN DER GELD DECLARED THAT THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES OF THE AREA STILL CONSIDER SURINAM AS A DUTCH COUNTRY, AND ARE SOMEWHAT RESTRAINED, BUT THAT SURINAM WOULD EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO CHANGE THIS. ZURHELLEN

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